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SUBJECT: W/W DEMOSTHENES POLYKARPOU

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1. PAUL DEMOSTHENES INSISTS THAT HE HAS SPOKEN TO HIS FATHER AS RECENTLY AS JULY 28 AND THAT FATHER CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF TICKET TO NEW YORK SENT THROUGH PAN AM. DEMOSTHENES ALSO SENT MONEY VIA A NEW YORK BANK (HE DOES NOT KNOW WHICH ONE) WHICH SHOULD BE WAITING FOR POLYKARPOU IN BEIRUT NOW (PROBABLY AT FNCB OR CHASE). DEMOSTHENES WILL NOT SEND MORE NOW. HE REQUESTS THAT HIS FATHER GET ON FIRST PLANE TO NEW YORK. FATHER SHOULD NOT WAIT IN BEIRUT FOR BANK DRAFT WHICH CAN BE RETURNED TO DEMOSTHENES IF IT NOT DELIVERED TO POLYKARPOU.

2. IT APPEARS THAT POLYKARPOU IS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH HIS SON BY PHONE AND IS TELLING ONE STORY TO EMBASSY AND ANOTHER TO HIS SON. (I.E. SON INSISTS POLYKARPOU CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF TICKET TWO DAYS BEFORE EMBASSY SENT REFTEL.) SUGGEST THAT IN FUTURE EMBASSY INCOURAGE POLYKARPOU DEAL DIRECTLY WITH HIS SON ONLY IN ORDER AVOID FURTHER CON-FUSION. KISSINGER

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